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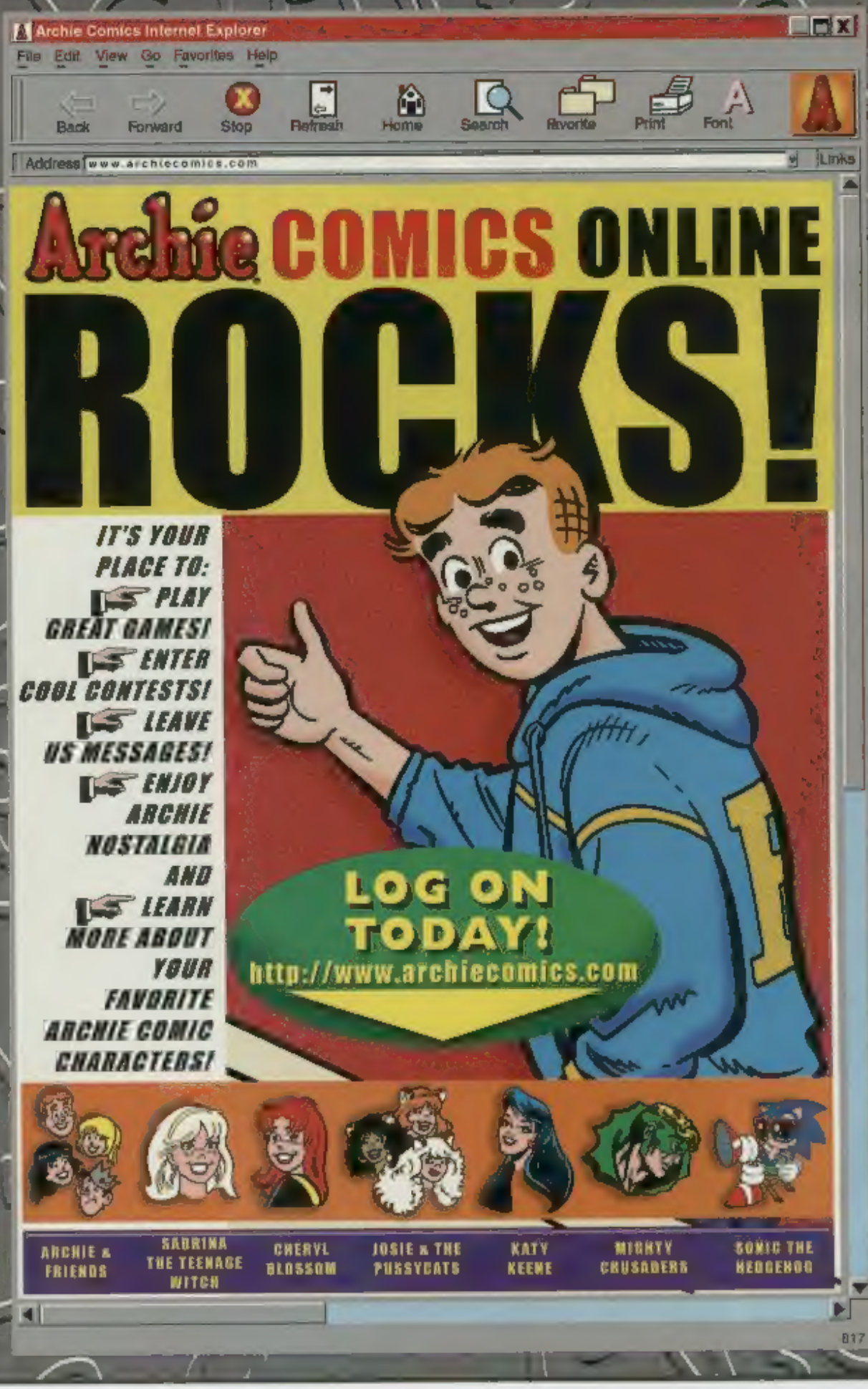
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SONIC-GRAMS

OFF PANEL **by Gallagher & Manak**

THIS JUST IN!

No, this is not an illusion

or some kind of weird printing error. What you see here is SONIC-GRAMS and, yes, it is meant to be on page one. We were having so much fun with this backwards issue of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG that we just went a little teeny-weeny overboard with the idea. Now everything's backwards. Why did we do this? Hey, if a popular sitcom can do it, why not us? We told you on the cover that it was going to be the strangest issue you would ever read. The end does begin now. Usually we end an issue with the letters pages (including name page, fan art, etc.), so for this issue —and this issue only— we will start off with them. What is normally the backup story follows and is immediately trailed by the main feature (which is itself a backwards story). So sit down, relax and enjoy a very special issue!

Catch you on the flip side!

J.F. GABRIE
Editor / Art Goddess

P.S.: Next month's issue contains the full and undisclosed life-story of Doctor Robotnik from an unexpected point-of-view. "I, Robotnik!" is written by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund! Also in this issue: Part One of "Tales of the Great War!" 'Nuff said. By Ken Penders with art by Art Mawhinney and Jim Amash. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #72 on sale late April 1999! Don't miss it!

P.P.S.: Special thanks to intern Yuko Ashida for her help this issue!

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Re: Sonic The Hedgehog #64-#66 (the Ixis Naugus Trilogy):

Dear Sonic and Tails,

Wow! No way! It couldn't get this good! I'm about to explode on how good SONIC #64 was! I can't wait to get the next two parts of the Ixis Naugus series. Now onto the questions: 1) How many chaos emeralds are there on Mobius and The Floating Island? 2) In The MECHA MADNESS Special, you and Knuckles got unroboticized so why don't you do that to the rest of the Robians?

Eric Treadway
Lakewood, CA

1) All the emeralds are fused into one which is known as The Master Emerald that holds The Floating Island afloat. 2) Throughout the years, the Robians have gained numerous attachments and no one knows what dangers could occur if they were deroboticized.

Dear Sonic Grams,

I wouldn't like to say that you guys KICK TAILS (no offense, Mr Prower)!!! I try to read your comics every month. The last one I got (SONIC #65) was most excellent. I am now searching for #66. Issue #65 was great, and it does explain a lot of things that were making me think... and I've stopped having those darned headaches. Now on to that Amy Rose and Dulcy story: That was very mysterious. Who was that guy in the shadows? I guess I'll have to keep reading and find out! Excellent comic, you guys! Keep up the great work!

Dusty The Hedgehog (Dusty Scott)
SonicHoggG@aol.com

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Dear Sonic,

Hi. I'm here to protest the reputation that Overlanders are getting in your comic book. So far, every Overlander encountered has been evil; Ivo Robotnik, Snively, The Iron Queen, and all the unknown Overlanders who fought in the war. I'm very tired of the bad rap that the Overlanders are getting. I would appreciate it if you feature an Overlander who acts as an ally to Sonic & Tails in your comic book. I also have a few questions I would like to have answered: 1) What kind of animal is Ixis Naugus(I think he's a crossbreed, but I'm not sure)? 2) Are Overlanders a native race of Mobius, or did they plant colonies? 3) How did Robotnik get his robotic arm? 4) What race is Kodos anyway?

SpiBo123@aol.com

First off, The Iron Queen is not an Overlander, she's a Badger. Second, let me introduce you to Nate Morgan... Answer time: 1) Ixis' origin was seen in Sonic #66. 2) Overlanders are a native race of Mobius. 3) Immediately after his coup, his arm was accidentally roboticized. 4) Kodos is a Ron.

Dear Sonic,

What a blast! I loved #66. I've been waiting for this to happen since SONIC #57. Though I felt bad for Nate Morgan when the gigantic rocks fell all over Eddy, the abominable Snow-Bot. Don't you ever get tired for what you've been through?

Omar Vargas (age 11)
Rochester, NY

Even Sonic gets a little winded from the events he experiences (as witnessed in last month's back-up feature) but he's a hero and, like most heroes, he'll quickly bounce back.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just got Sonic #65 today. On pages 8-14, I learned a lot about Mobian history. The entire story was cool, too. By the way, I can't wait for next issue.

Mark Ziemer
Roswell, GA

Dear King Acorn, your Majesty:

I know what happened to Queen Alicia! Based on clues in KNUCKLES #17 and SONIC #64, my theory is this: The crippled craft crashed on the Floating Island, killing everyone aboard... except the Queen and the "boy." Then the Guardians discovered them and are trying to keep them alive to this day. I really do hope I'm correct.

Matt Rupp
rupp@r1@worldnet.att.net

You are.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

Cover by Patrick Spaziante and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

In one week: They're back! SONIC KIDS!!! Presenting stories from The Freedom Fighters' formative years. All stories written by Michael Gallagher. They include: 1) Sonic and crew's first zone experience!; 2) We finally see how Princess Sally and Knuckles met (first shown in Sonic #44)!; And 3) The day Tails was born! 'Nuff said. Look for it! SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 to be on sale late March 1999!

In two weeks: The cover says it all: Knuckles comes face to face with his father. This is something we've wanted to see happen since issue #1... and now it's finally here. "Childhood's End" is written by Ken Penders with art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy! KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #25 on sale early April 1999!

FIND YOUR NAME IN PRINT

Due to the overwhelming amount of mail that is received, it is impossible to print it all so we created the "Find Your Name In Print" page so that you know we received your letter or fan art: This month they are:

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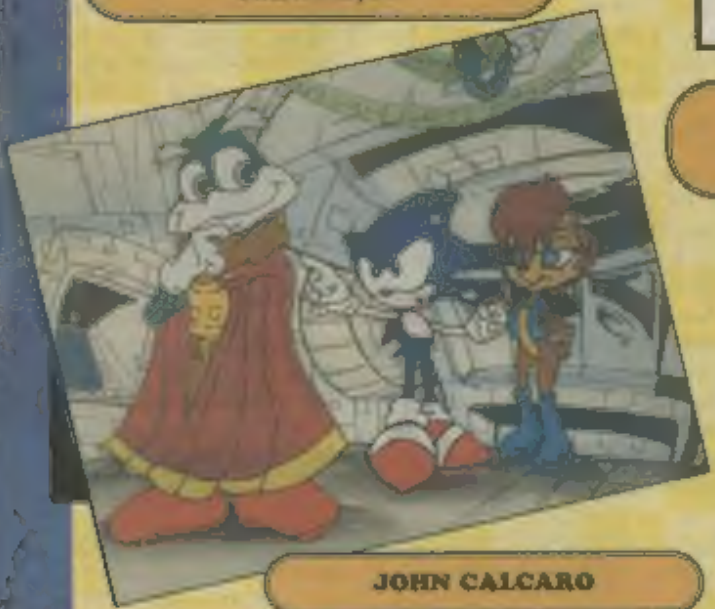

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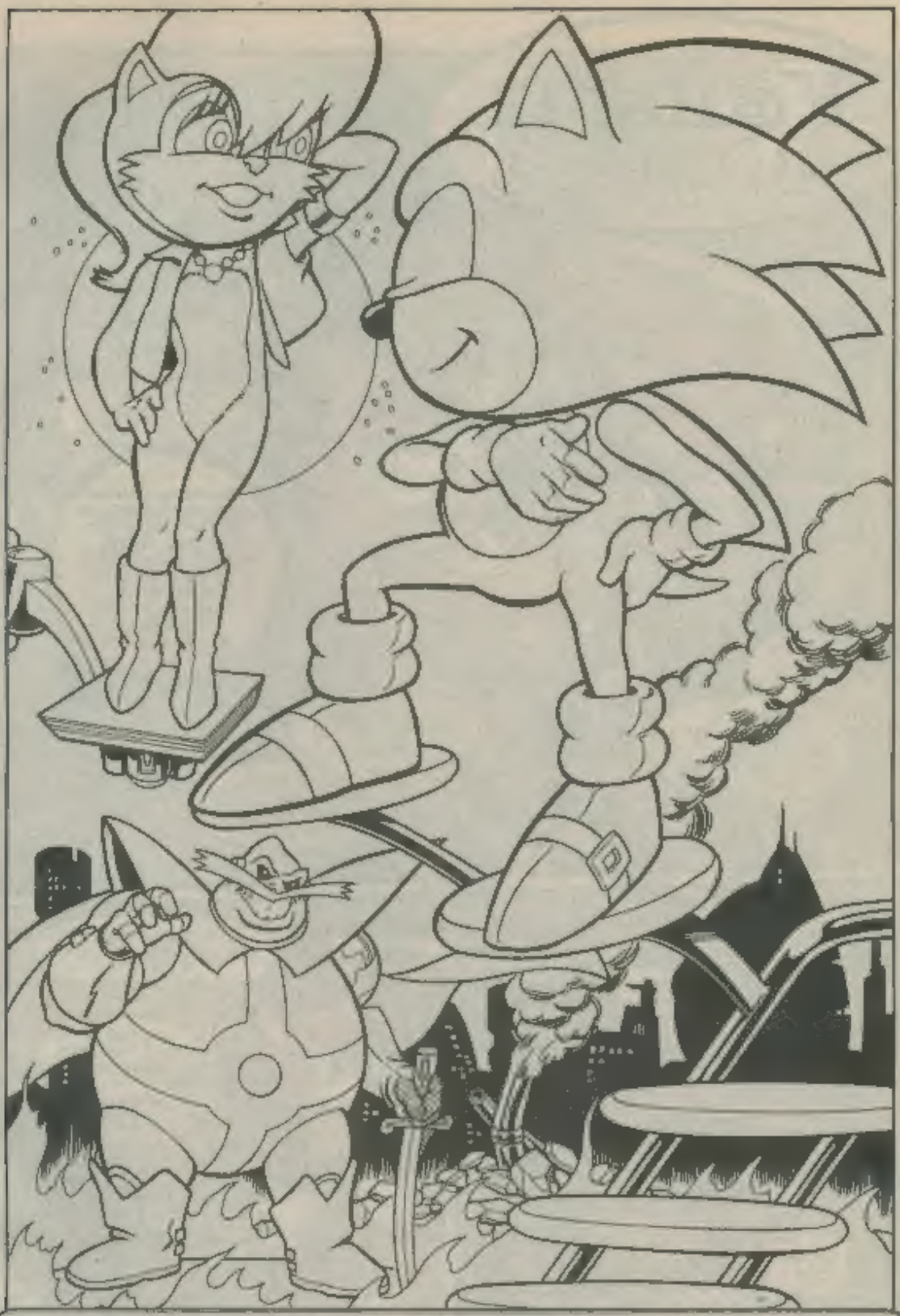

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DICK AYERS

WITH INKS BY KEN PENDERS!

COLOR & ENJOY!

Tails & amy rose
IN THE BEGINNING...
SOMEWHERE NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOBOTROPOLIS...
KEN PENDERS WRITER
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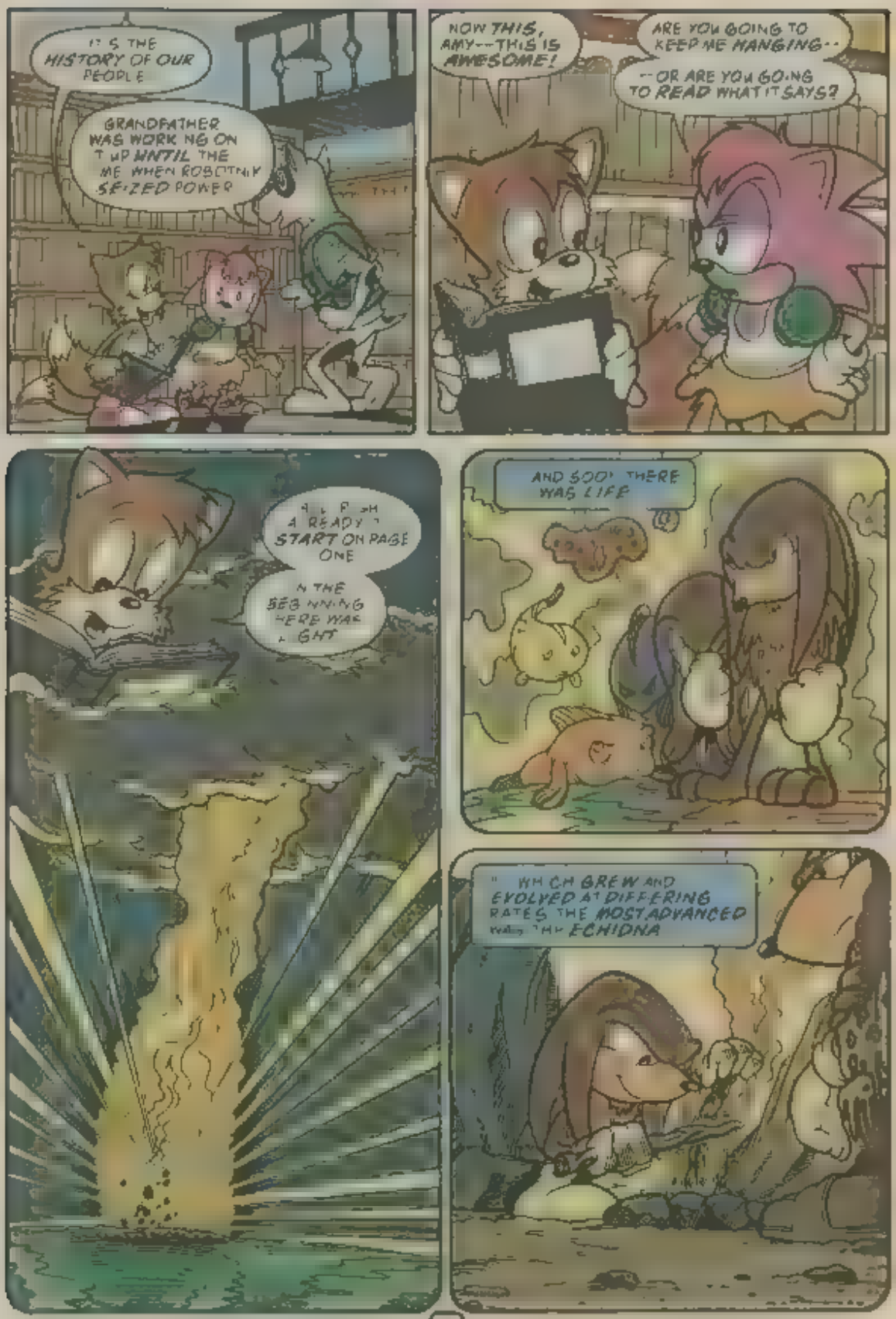
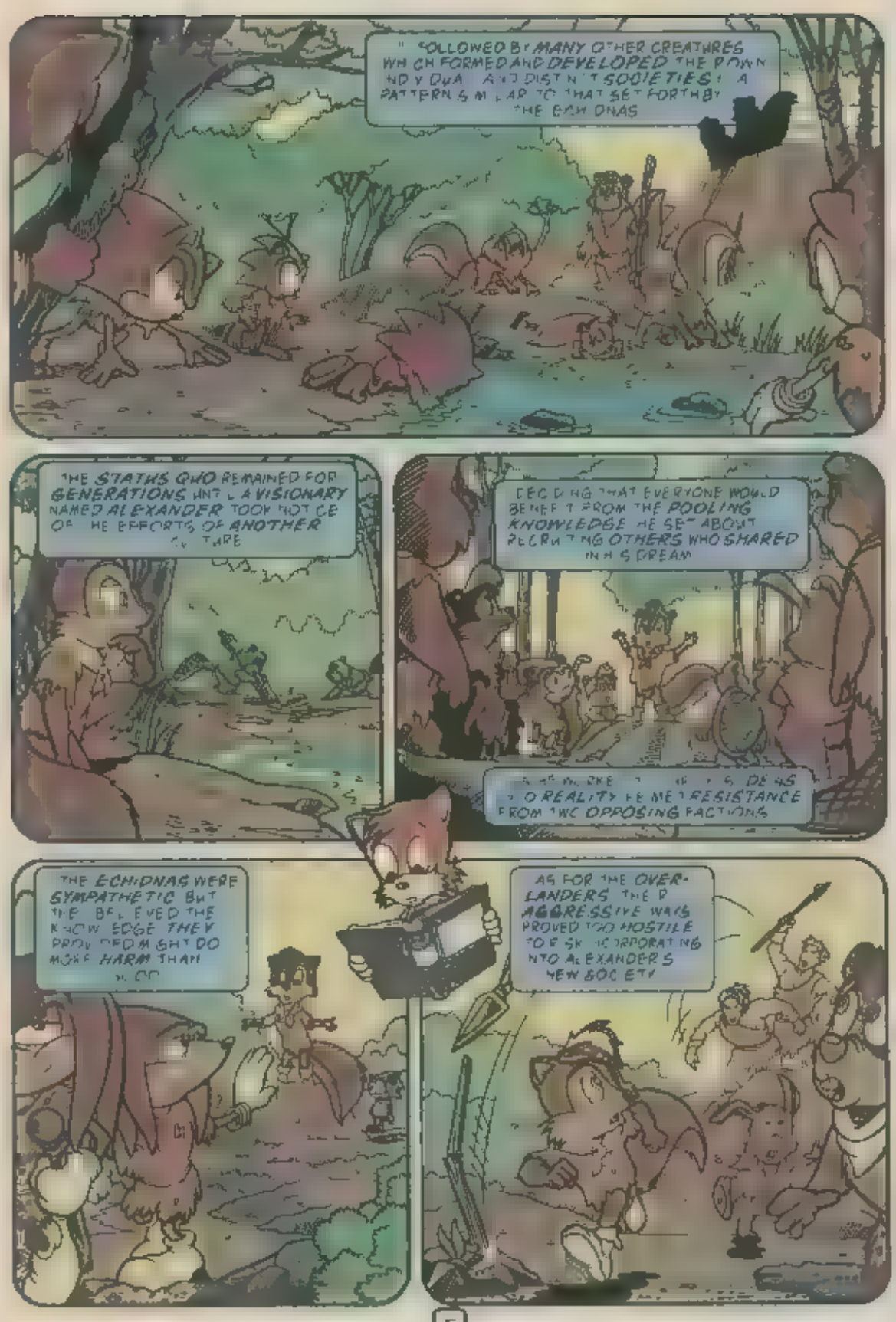
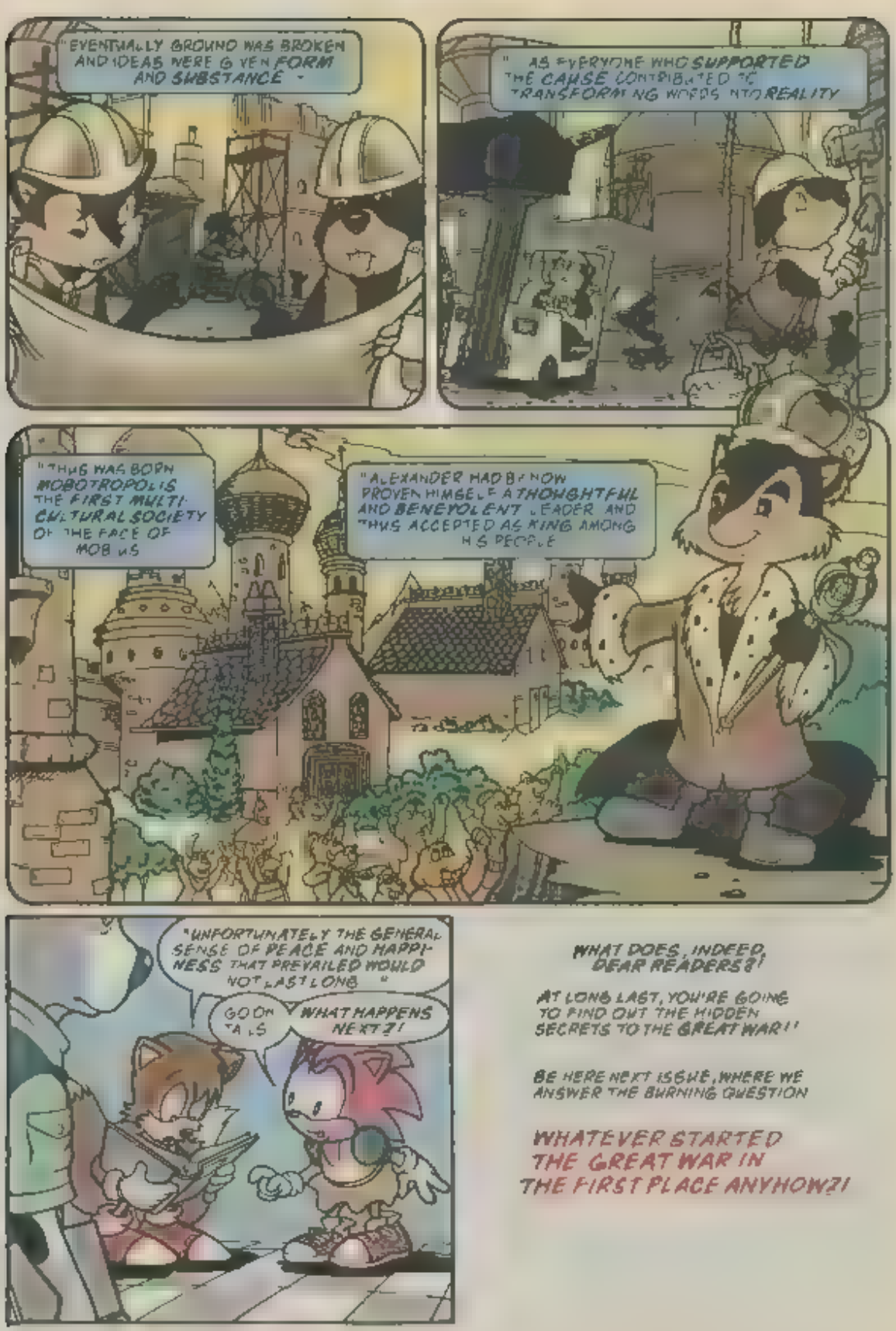
I DON'T KNOW, AMY!
FLYING INTO THIS SECTION OF TOWN DOESN'T SEEM THE SMART THING TO ME!
DON'T BE SUCH A WORRY WART, TAILS!
DULCY AND I WERE HERE JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO--*
*Back in SONIC #65-Justin
--AND EVERYTHING WAS REAL KEWL!
SPEAKING OF KEWL--
THERE IT IS!
THERE'S THE LIBRARY!
LOOKS LIKE JUST ANOTHER OLD BUILDING TO ME!
NO! NO! THIS PLACE IS AWESOME!
WAIT'LL YOU SEE!

AMY, WHERE ARE YOU?
AMY?
AMY?!
TAILS! OVER HERE!
HUH?
WHAAAT?!
NOT WHAT-- BUT WHO, SILLY!
I WAS WONDERING WHEN OR IF YOU'D EVER SHOW UP AGAIN!
YOU MEAN THAT WAS YOU MAKING THOSE WEIRD NOISES WE HEARD?
NOT WEIRD! THE HINGES ON A LOT OF THE DOORS AROUND HERE ARE JUST SQUEAKY! THAT'S ALL!
WHO ARE YOU? NOBODY'S BEEN IN THIS SECTION OF TOWN IN YEARS!
AT LEAST NOT SINCE ROBOTNIK OVERTHREW KING ACORN!

MY NAME IS JEREMIAH!
I'VE BEEN WORKING TO PRESERVE THE COLLECTED BODY OF WORK OF MY GRANDFATHER!
I COULDN'T ALLOW ROBOTNIK TO FIND HIS STORIES AND ART STORED HERE AND DESTROY THEM!
YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS A WRITER AND ARTIST?
YOU GOT IT! SURELY YOU'VE HEARD OF KIRBY!
KIRBY?!
YOU MEAN THE ONE WHO WROTE AND ILLUSTRATED ALL THOSE GREAT STORIES I READ WHEN I WAS YOUNGER?
NONE OTHER!
IS THAT ONE OF HIS BOOKS YOU'RE HOLDING?
UH-HUH!
CAN I SEE IT?
BUT OF COURSE!
GRANDFATHER ALWAYS MEANT FOR HIS STORIES TO BE READ BY EVERY-ONE!
WOW!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS ONE-- ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS, AMY?


IT'S THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE
GRANDFATHER WAS WORKING ON IT UP UNTIL THE TIME WHEN ROBOTNIK SEIZED POWER
NOW THIS, AMY---THIS IS AWESOME!
ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP ME HANGING--
--OR ARE YOU GOING TO READ WHAT IT SAYS?
ALRIGHT, I'M ALREADY START ON PAGE ONE
IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS LIGHT
AND SOO! THERE WAS LIFE
"WHICH GREW AND EVOLVED AT DIFFERING RATES, THE MOST ADVANCED BEING THE ECHIDNA


" FOLLOWED BY MANY OTHER CREATURES WHICH FORMED AND DEVELOPED THE POWERFUL AND DISTINCT SOCIETIES! A PATTERN SIMILAR TO THAT SET FORTH BY THE EIGHT DNAS
THE STATUS QUO REMAINED FOR GENERATIONS UNTIL A VISIONARY NAMED ALEXANDER TOOK NOTICE OF THE EFFORTS OF ANOTHER CULTURE
DECIDING THAT EVERYONE WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE POOLING KNOWLEDGE HE SET ABOUT RECRUITING OTHERS WHO SHARED IN HIS DREAM
THE ECHIDNAS WERE SYMPATHETIC BUT THEY BELIEVED THE KNOWLEDGE THEY POSSESSED MIGHT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD
AS FOR THE OVER-LANDERS THEIR AGGRESSIVE WAYS PROVED TOO HOSTILE TO BE INCORPORATING INTO ALEXANDER'S NEW SOCIETY


"EVENTUALLY GROUND WAS BROKEN AND IDEAS WERE GIVEN FORM AND SUBSTANCE."
"AS EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE CAUSE CONTRIBUTED TO TRANSFORMING WORDS INTO REALITY"
"THUS WAS BORN MOBOTROPOLIS THE FIRST MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE FACE OF MOBIUS"
"ALEXANDER HAD BY NOW PROVEN HIMSELF A THOUGHTFUL AND BENEVOLENT LEADER AND THUS ACCEPTED AS KING AMONG HIS PEOPLE"
"UNFORTUNATELY THE GENERAL SENSE OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS THAT PREVAILED WOULD NOT LAST LONG."
GO ON TAILS
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?!
WHAT DOES, INDEED, DEAR READERS?!
AT LONG LAST, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THE HIDDEN SECRETS TO THE GREAT WAR!!
BE HERE NEXT ISSUE, WHERE WE ANSWER THE BURNING QUESTION
WHATEVER STARTED THE GREAT WAR IN THE FIRST PLACE ANYHOW?!

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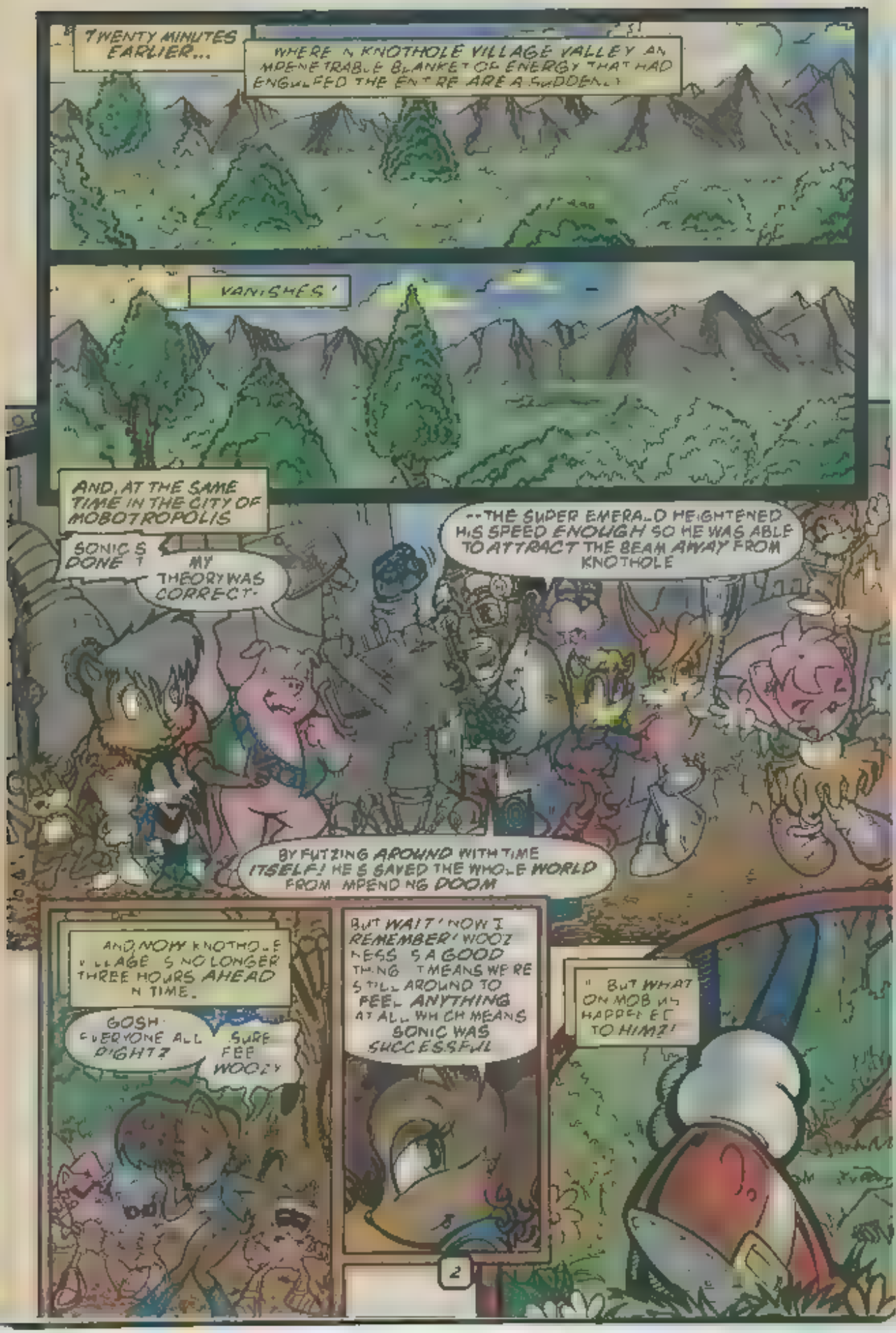
THIS VERY SECOND
NOW LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT SONIC -- YOU USED NATE MORGAN'S SUPER EMERALD TO PREVENT THAT WEIRD TIME-BEAM FROM DESTROYING MOBIUS
BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR APPEARANCE CHANGED! I MEAN, YOUR EYES HAVE TURNED GREEN, YOUR SHOES NOW HAVE BUCKLES AND
LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA HAVE TO RUN THROUGH THIS ONE MORE TIME FOR YA SAL


TWENTY MINUTES EARLIER...
WHERE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY AN IMPENETRABLE BLANKET OF ENERGY THAT HAD ENGULFED THE ENTIRE AREA SUDDENLY
VANISHES!
AND, AT THE SAME TIME IN THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS
SONIC'S DONE IT
MY THEORY WAS CORRECT.
--THE SUPER EMERALD HEIGHTENED HIS SPEED ENOUGH SO HE WAS ABLE TO ATTRACT THE BEAM AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE
BY FUTZING AROUND WITH TIME ITSELF! HE'S SAVED THE WHOLE WORLD FROM IMPENDING DOOM
AND NOW KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IS NO LONGER THREE HOURS AHEAD IN TIME.
GOSH EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?
SURE FEE WOOLY
BUT WAIT! NOW I REMEMBER! WOOLYNESS IS A GOOD THING! THAT MEANS WE'RE STILL AROUND TO FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL WHICH MEANS SONIC WAS SUCCESSFUL
" BUT WHAT ON MOBIUS HAPPENED TO HIM?!
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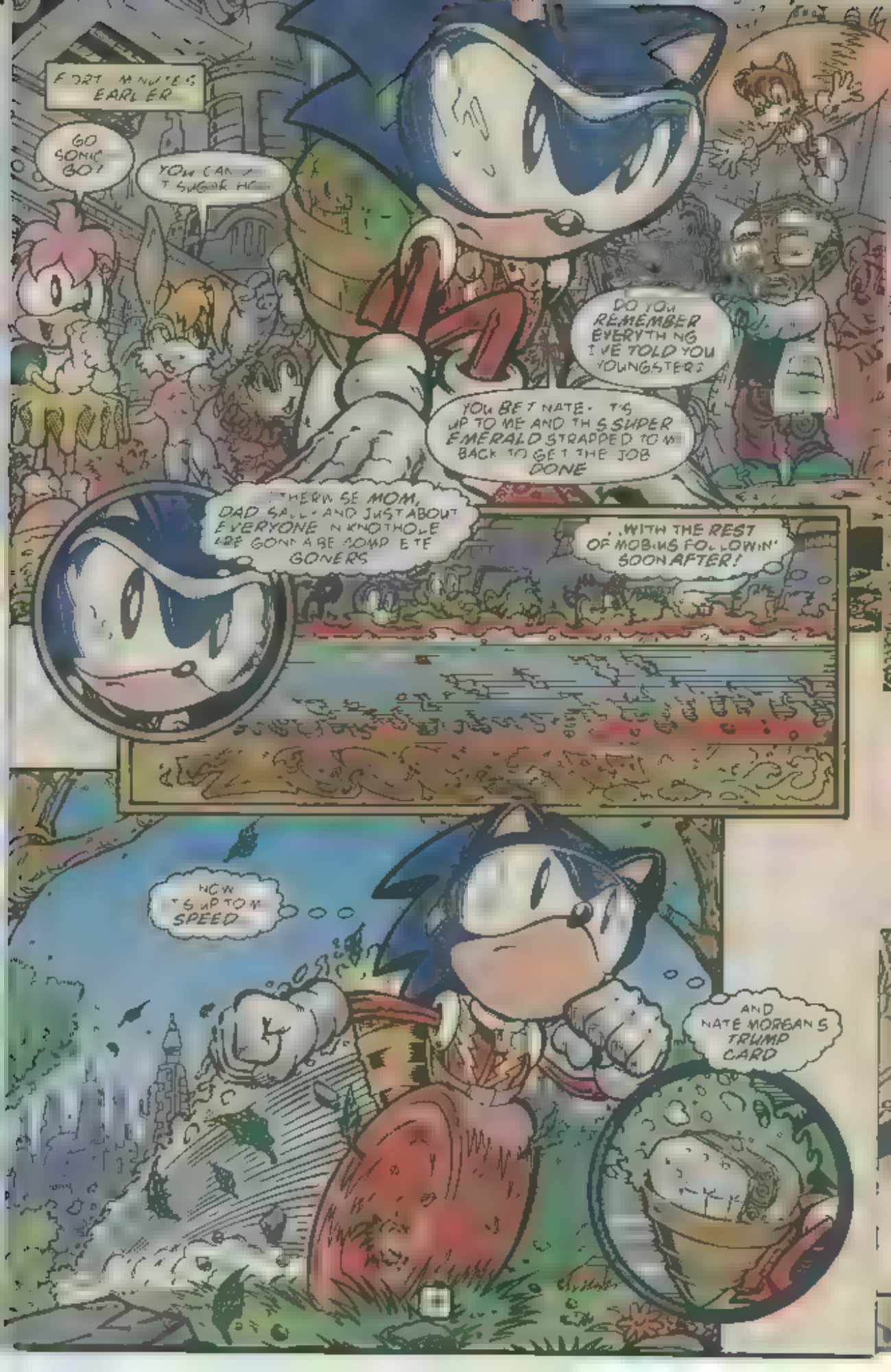
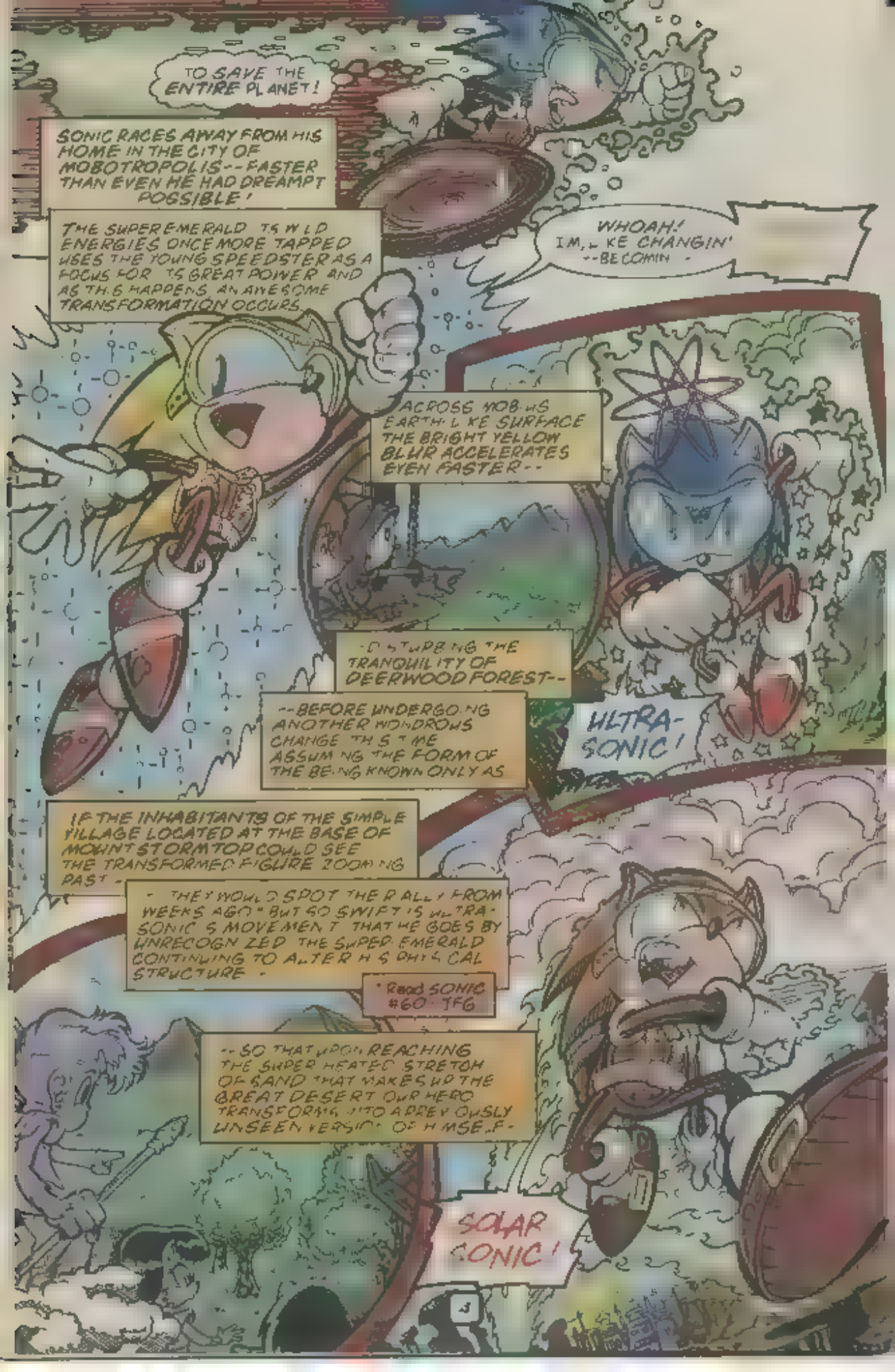
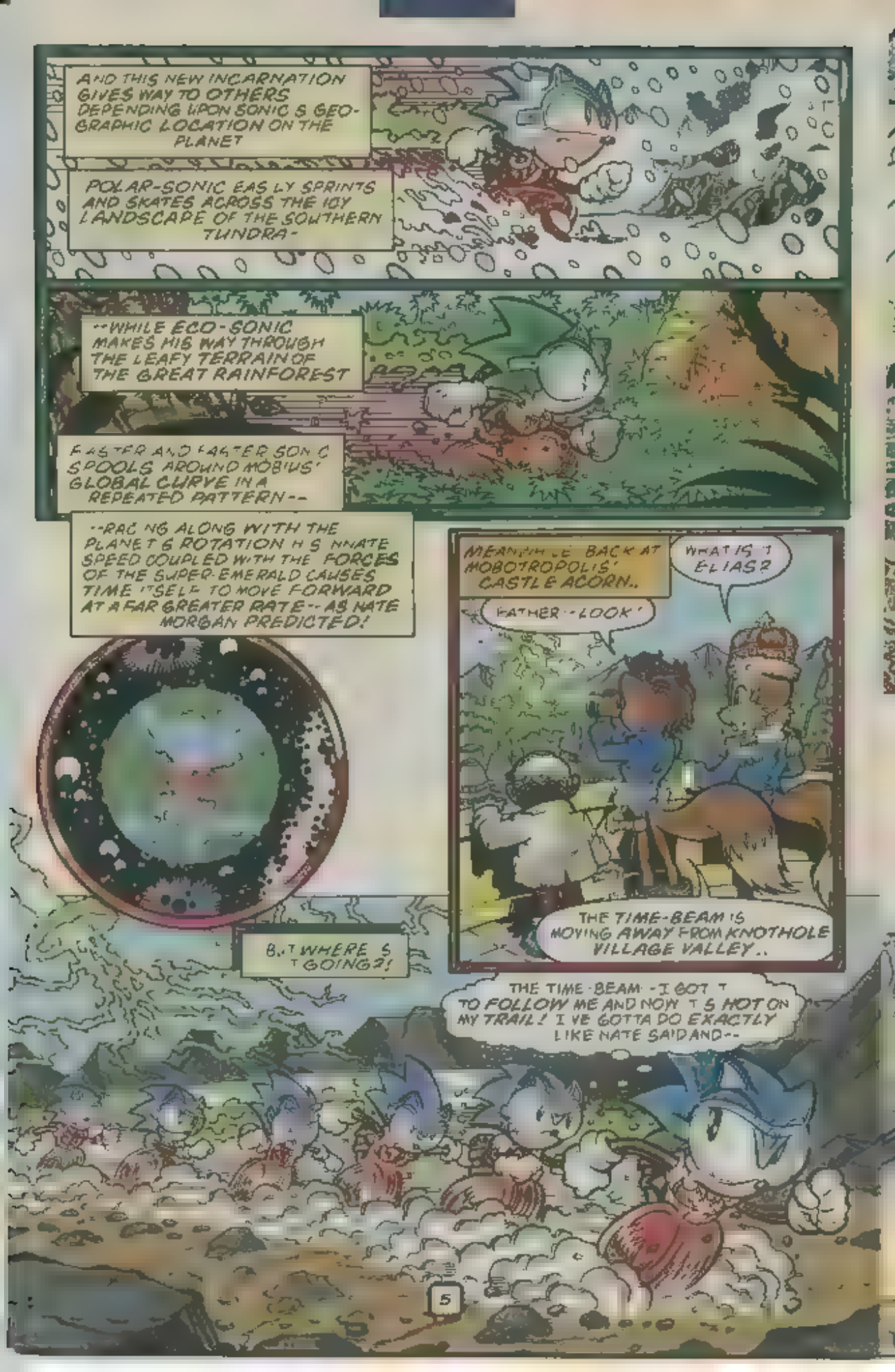
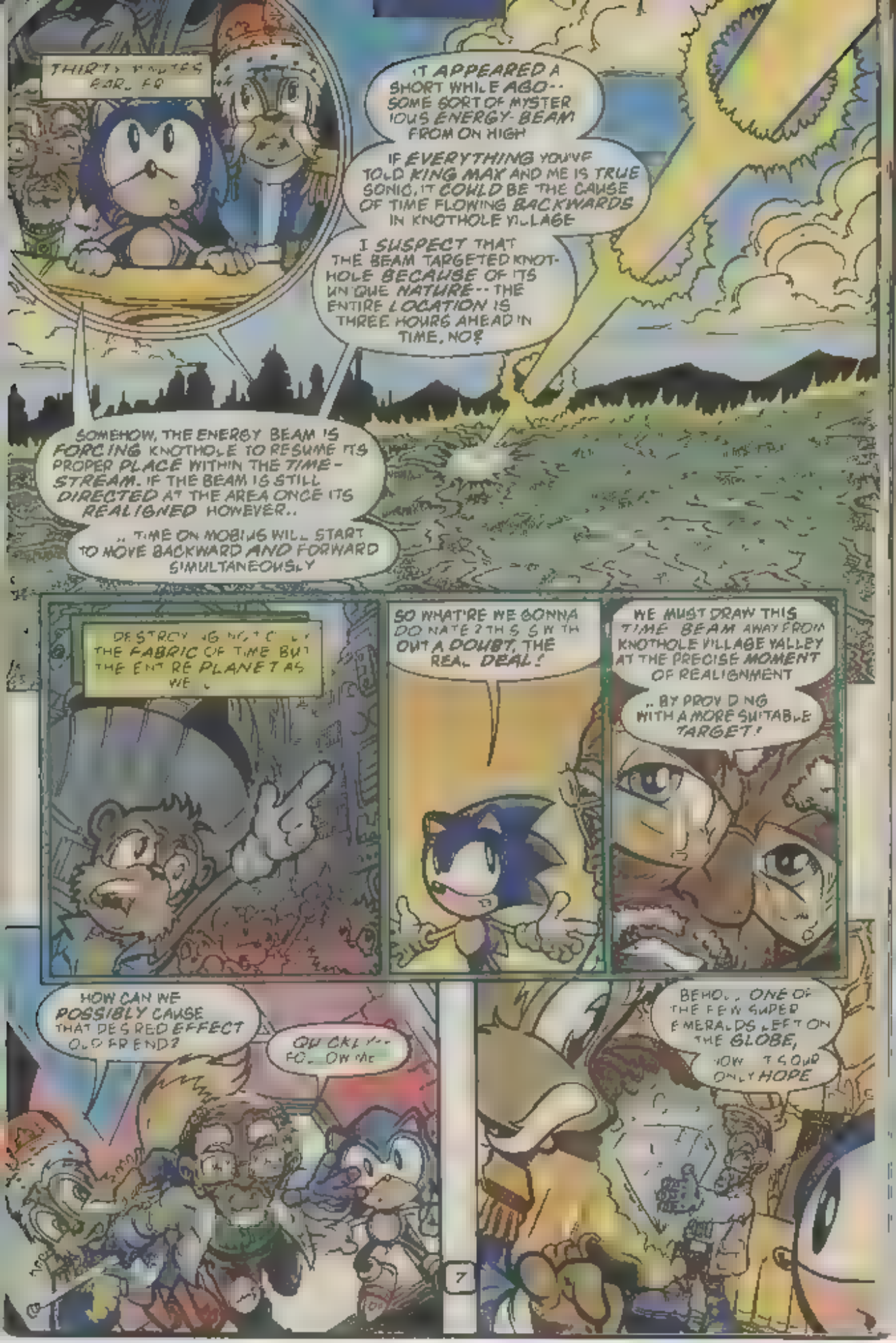
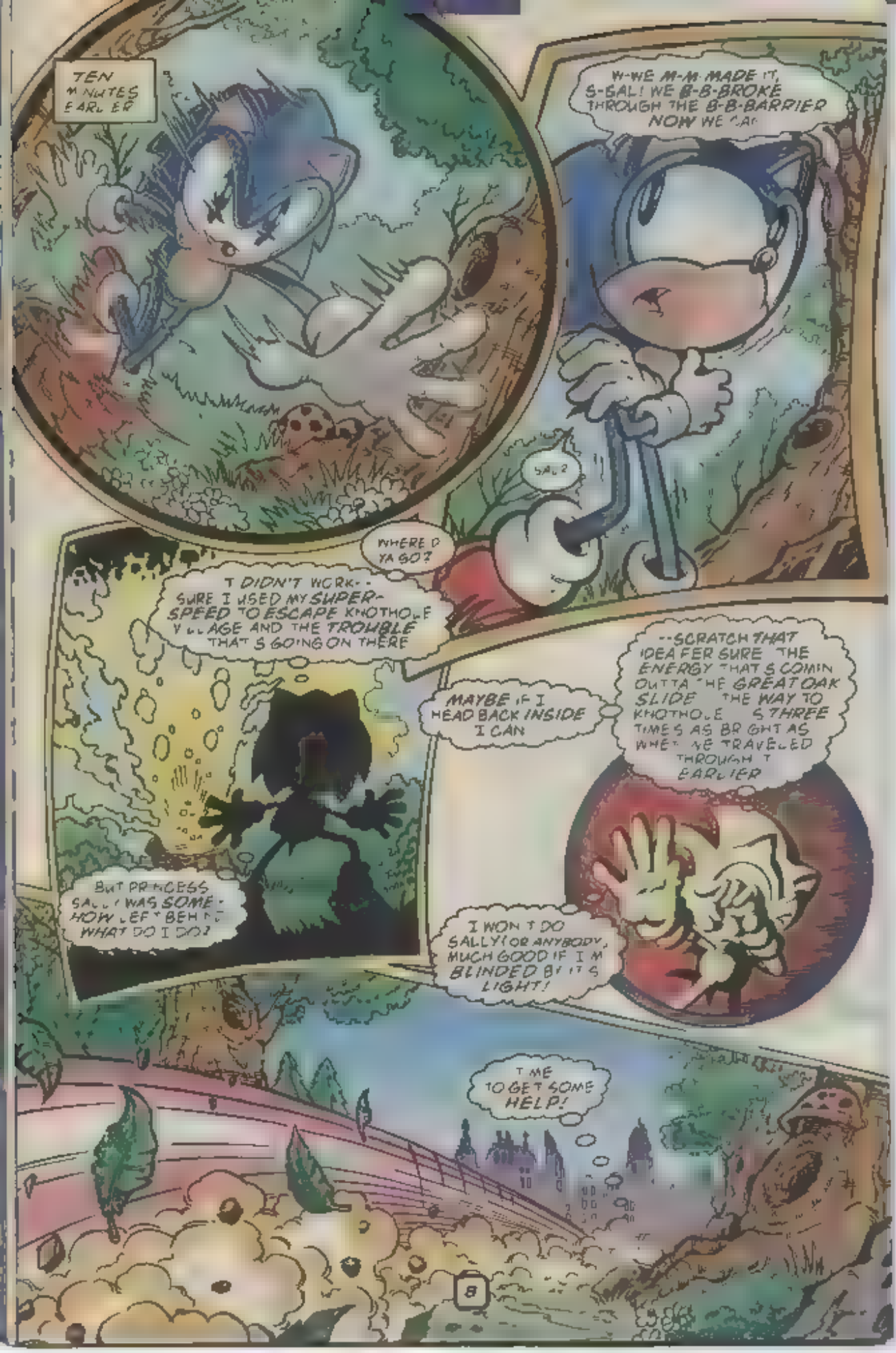
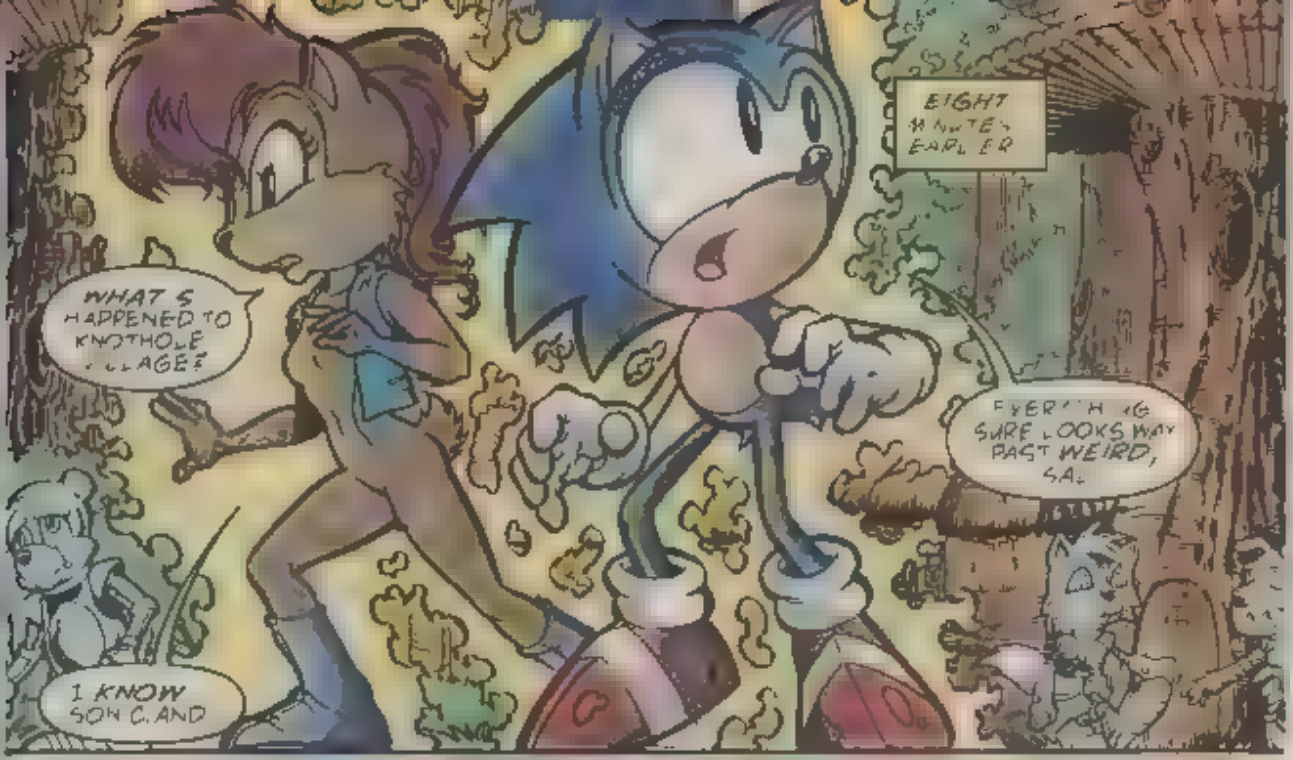

FORTY MINUTES EARLIER
GO SONIC GO!
YOU CAN'T SWEAR HE
DO YOU REMEMBER EVERYTHING I'VE TOLD YOU YOUNGSTER?
YOU BET NATE. IT'S UP TO ME AND THIS SUPER EMERALD STRAPPED TO MY BACK TO GET THE JOB DONE
OTHERWISE MOM, DAD SALLY AND JUST ABOUT EVERYONE IN KNOTHOLE ARE GONNA BE COMPLETE GONERS
...WITH THE REST OF MOBIUS FOLLOWIN' SOON AFTER!
NOW IT'S UP TO SPEED
AND NATE MORGAN'S TRUMP CARD


TO SAVE THE ENTIRE PLANET!
SONIC RACES AWAY FROM HIS HOME IN THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS--FASTER THAN EVEN HE HAD DREAMPT POSSIBLE!
THE SUPER EMERALD TS W LD ENERGIES ONCE MORE TAPPED USES THE YOUNG SPEEDSTER AS A FOCUS FOR TS GREAT POWER AND AS TH S HAPPENS AN AWESOME TRANSFORMATION OCCURS
WHOAH! IM, K KE CHANGIN' --BECOMIN -
ACROSS MOB HS EARTH L KE SURFACE THE BRIGHT YELLOW BLUR ACCELERATES EVEN FASTER--
-D STURB NG THE TRANQUILITY OF DEERWOOD FOREST--
--BEFORE UNDERGO NG ANOTHER MONDROUS CHANGE TH S TME ASSUM NG THE FORM OF THE BE NG KNOWN ONLY AS
ULTRA-SONIC!
IF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SIMPLE VILLAGE LOCATED AT THE BASE OF MOUNT STORMTOP COULD SEE THE TRANSFORMED FIGURE ZOOM NG PAST -
- THEY WOULD SPOT THE R ALL FROM WEEKS AGO * BUT SO SWIFT IS ULTRA-SONIC S MOVEMENT THAT HE GOES BY UNRECOGN ZED THE SUPER EMERALD CONTINUING TO ALTER H S PHYS CAL STRUCTURE -
* Read SONIC #60 TFG
--SO THAT UPON REACHING THE SUPER HEATED STRETCH OF SAND THAT MAKES UP THE GREAT DESERT OUR HERO TRANSFORMS INTO A PREV OUSLY UNSEEN VERSION OF H MSELF-
SOLAR SONIC!


AND THIS NEW INCARNATION GIVES WAY TO OTHERS DEPENDING UPON SONIC'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION ON THE PLANET
POLAR-SONIC EASILY SPRINTS AND SKATES ACROSS THE ICY LANDSCAPE OF THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA-
--WHILE ECO-SONIC MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH THE LEAFY TERRAIN OF THE GREAT RAINFOREST
FASTER AND FASTER SONIC SPOOLS AROUND MOBIUS' GLOBAL CURVE IN A REPEATED PATTERN--
--RACING ALONG WITH THE PLANET'S ROTATION HIS INNATE SPEED COUPLED WITH THE FORCES OF THE SUPER-EMERALD CAUSES TIME ITSELF TO MOVE FORWARD AT A FAR GREATER RATE--AS NATE MORGAN PREDICTED!
MEANWHILE BACK AT MOBOTROPOLIS' CASTLE ACORN..
WHAT IS IT ELIAS?
FATHER--LOOK!
THE TIME-BEAM IS MOVING AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY..
BUT WHERE'S IT GOING?!
THE TIME-BEAM--I GOT IT TO FOLLOW ME AND NOW IT'S HOT ON MY TRAIL! I'VE GOTTA DO EXACTLY LIKE NATE SAID AND--


THIRTY MINUTES EARLIER
IT APPEARED A SHORT WHILE AGO-- SOME SORT OF MYSTERIOUS ENERGY-BEAM FROM ON HIGH
IF EVERYTHING YOU'VE TOLD KING MAX AND ME IS TRUE SONIC, IT COULD BE THE CAUSE OF TIME FLOWING BACKWARDS IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
I SUSPECT THAT THE BEAM TARGETED KNOTHOLE BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE NATURE-- THE ENTIRE LOCATION IS THREE HOURS AHEAD IN TIME, NO?
SOMEHOW, THE ENERGY BEAM IS FORCING KNOTHOLE TO RESUME ITS PROPER PLACE WITHIN THE TIME-STREAM. IF THE BEAM IS STILL DIRECTED AT THE AREA ONCE ITS REALIGNED HOWEVER..
.. TIME ON MOBIUS WILL START TO MOVE BACKWARD AND FORWARD SIMULTANEOUSLY
DESTROYING NOT ONLY THE FABRIC OF TIME BUT THE ENTIRE PLANET AS WE
SO WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NATE? THIS SHOWTH OUT A DOUBT, THE REAL DEAL!
WE MUST DRAW THIS TIME BEAM AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY AT THE PRECISE MOMENT OF REALIGNMENT
.. BY PROVIDING WITH A MORE SUITABLE TARGET!
HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY CAUSE THAT DESIRED EFFECT OUR END?
OH CRIVEN-- FOR OWNE
BEHOLD, ONE OF THE FEW SUPER EMERALDS LEFT ON THE GLOBE, NOW IS OUR ONLY HOPE

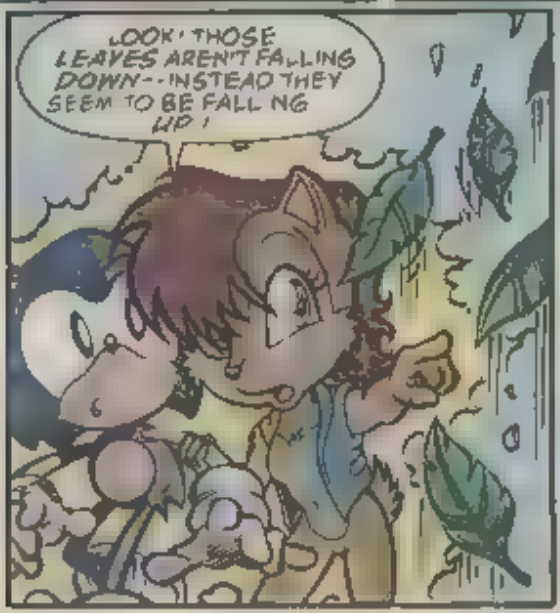

TEN MINUTES EARLIER
W-WE M-M-MADE IT, S-SAL! WE B-B-BROKE THROUGH THE B-B-BARRIER NOW WE CAN
SAL?
WHERE D YA GO?
I DIDN'T WORK-- SURE I USED MY SUPER-SPEED TO ESCAPE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND THE TROUBLE THAT'S GOING ON THERE
MAYBE IF I HEAD BACK INSIDE I CAN
--SCRATCH THAT IDEA FER SURE THE ENERGY THAT'S COMIN OUTTA THE GREAT OAK SLIDE THE WAY TO KNOTHOLE'S THREE TIMES AS BRIGHT AS WHEN WE TRAVELED THROUGH IT EARLIER
BUT PRINCESS SALLY WAS SOMEHOW LEFT BEHIND WHAT DO I DO?
I WON'T DO SALLY(OR ANYBODY) MUCH GOOD IF I'M BLINDED BY IT'S LIGHT!
TIME TO GET SOME HELP!


WHAT'S HAPPENED TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE?
I KNOW SON C. AND
EIGHT MINUTES EARLIER
EVERYTHING SURE LOOKS WAY PAST WEIRD, SA.

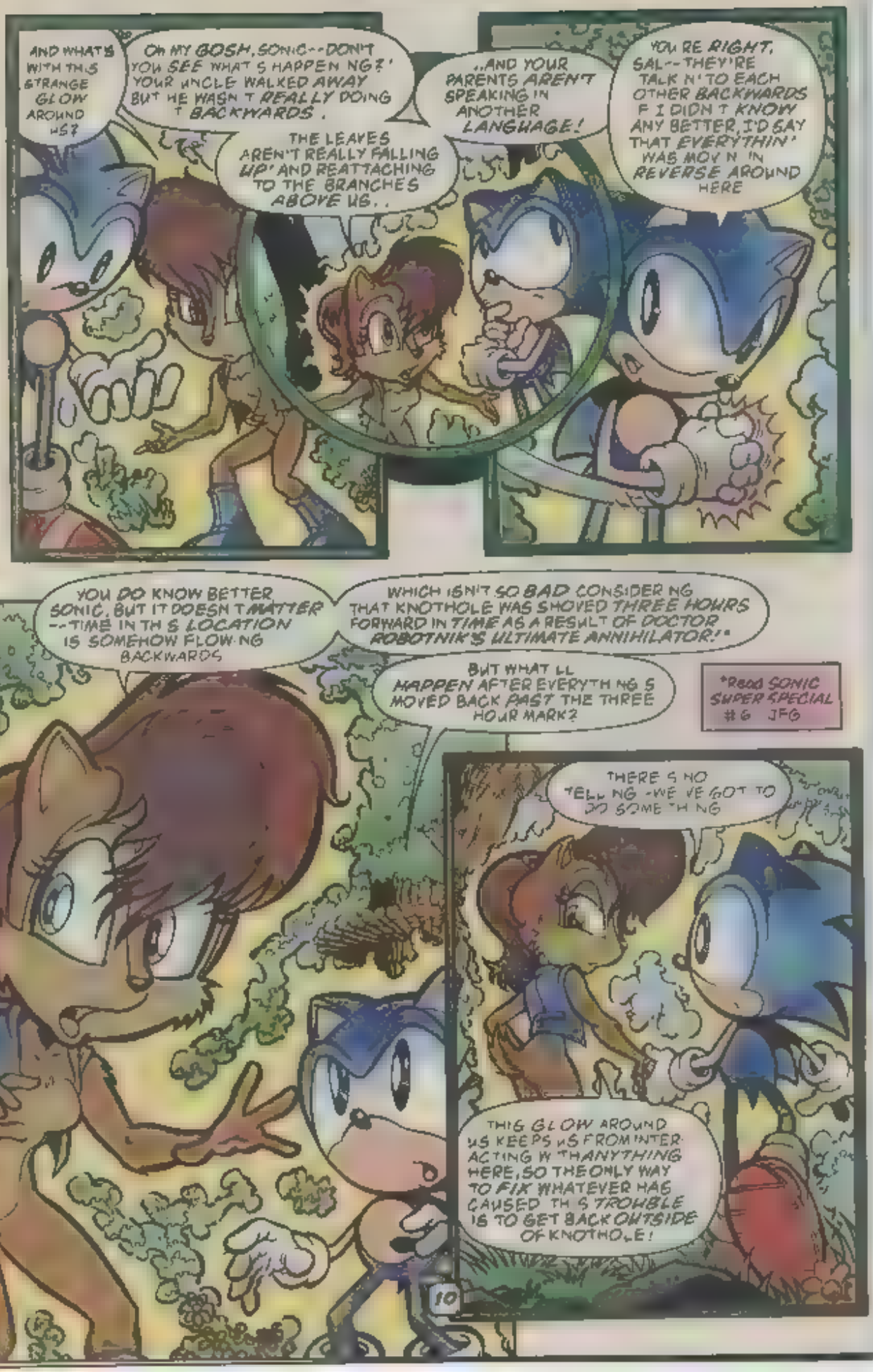
OVER THERE! IT'S YOUR UNCLE SONIC! MAYBE HE CAN EXPLAIN!
I SEE 'IM SAL HEY UNCLE CHUCK!

UNCLE CHUCK WHERE'A GOIN'?

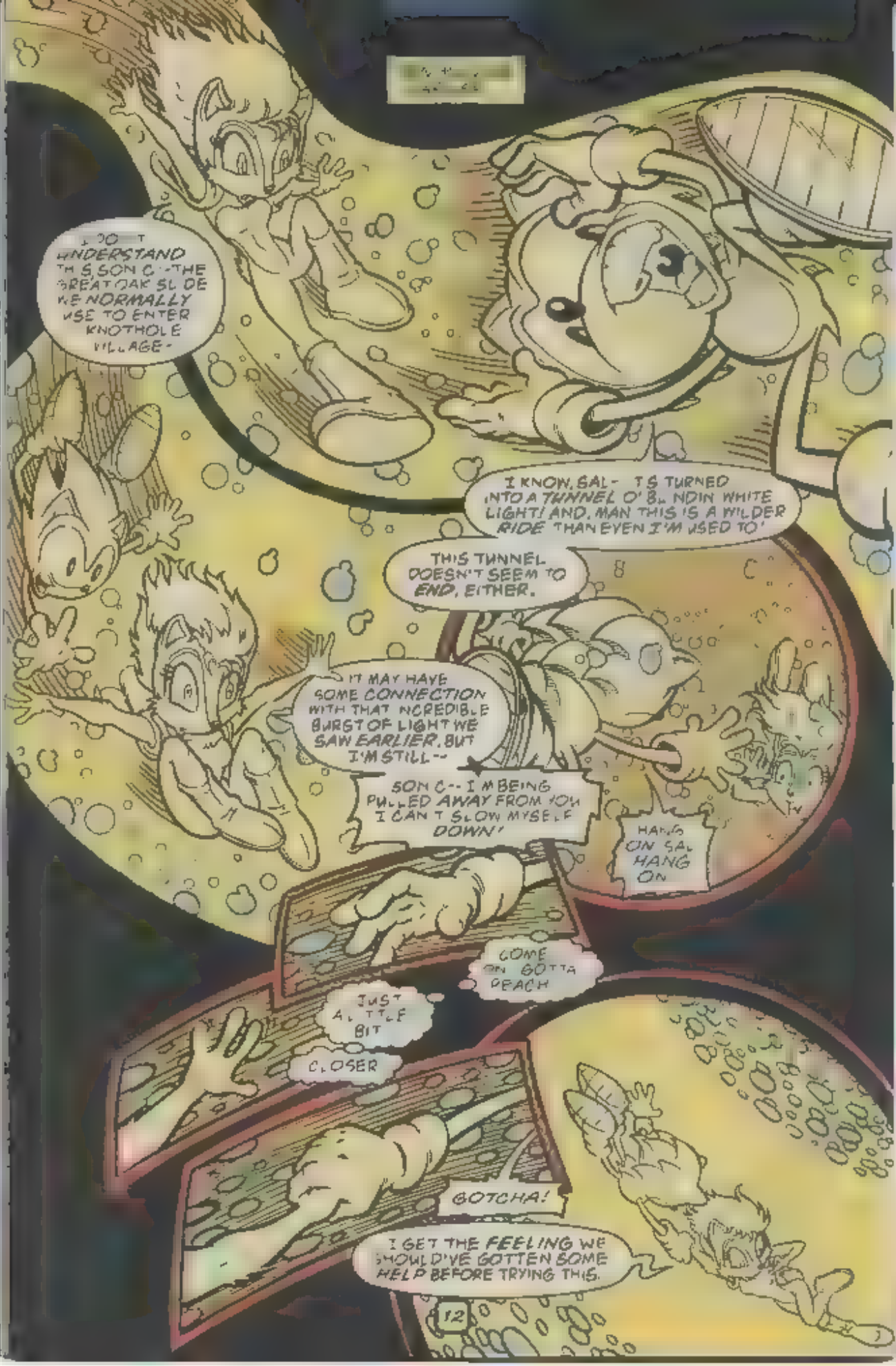
I DON'T GET IT SAL - UNCLE CHUCK IGNORED US ACTED LIKE HE COULDN'T HEAR ME CALLIN OUT HIS NAME
AND WALKED AWAY BACKWARDS TO BOOT


LOOK! THOSE LEAVES AREN'T FALLING DOWN--INSTEAD THEY SEEM TO BE FALLING UP!

THERE'S MY MOM AND DAD
BUT THEY'RE SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE!
WONSKEEWROF SHE'S NDIOVA NEEB SEH SEINREB NOS RUO'S SHE BOM NO EREHW
GNLRAD YM SELUJ YDAER SEH NEHW SU HTWETAC-INUMMOC UU EH ERUS M'I


AND WHAT'S WITH THIS STRANGE GLOW AROUND US?
OH MY GOSH, SONIC--DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING? YOUR UNCLE WALKED AWAY BUT HE WASN'T REALLY DOING IT BACKWARDS.
THE LEAVES AREN'T REALLY FALLING UP AND REATTACHING TO THE BRANCHES ABOVE US..
..AND YOUR PARENTS AREN'T SPEAKING IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SAL--THEY'RE TALKIN' TO EACH OTHER BACKWARDS! IF I DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER, I'D SAY THAT EVERYTHIN' WAS MOVIN' IN REVERSE AROUND HERE
YOU DO KNOW BETTER SONIC, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER --TIME IN THIS LOCATION IS SOMEHOW FLOWING BACKWARDS
WHICH ISN'T SO BAD CONSIDERING THAT KNOTHOLE WAS SHOVED THREE HOURS FORWARD IN TIME AS A RESULT OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!*
BUT WHAT'LL HAPPEN AFTER EVERYTHING'S MOVED BACK PAST THE THREE HOUR MARK?
*READ SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6 JFG
THERE'S NO TELLING -WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING
THIS GLOW AROUND US KEEPS US FROM INTERACTING WITH ANYTHING HERE, SO THE ONLY WAY TO FIX WHATEVER HAS CAUSED THIS TROUBLE IS TO GET BACK OUTSIDE OF KNOTHOLE!

Oh GREAT THE GREAT OAK SLIDE'S PART OF PAST NOW, TOO! THAT MEANS WE CAN'T TOUCH IT AT ALL!
WE'RE TRAPPED SONIC
THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY
GOT IT
I READ THIS IN A COMIC BOOK WHEN I WAS LITTLE SO IT SHOULD WORK
YOU'RE KIDDING ME RIGHT?
JUST PAY ATTENTION
IF I USE MY SUPERSPEED TO VIBRATE THE MOLECULES IN OUR BODIES, WE COULD MAYBE PASS THROUGH THIS BARRIER AND GET OUTTA HERE!
SO HOLD TIGHT SAL
CAUSE HERE GOES EVERYTHING!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, SON C--THE GREAT OAK SLIDE WE NORMALLY USE TO ENTER KNOTHOLE VILLAGE-
I KNOW, SAL--IT'S TURNED INTO A TUNNEL O' BLINDIN WHITE LIGHT! AND, MAN THIS IS A WILDER RIDE THAN EVEN I'M USED TO!
THIS TUNNEL DOESN'T SEEM TO END, EITHER.
IT MAY HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH THAT INCREDIBLE BURST OF LIGHT WE SAW EARLIER. BUT I'M STILL--
SON C--I'M BEING PULLED AWAY FROM YOU I CAN'T SLOW MYSELF DOWN!
HANG ON SAL HANG ON
COME ON GOTTA REACH
JUST A LITTLE BIT
CLOSER
GOTCHA!
I GET THE FEELING WE SHOULD'VE GOTTEN SOME HELP BEFORE TRYING THIS.
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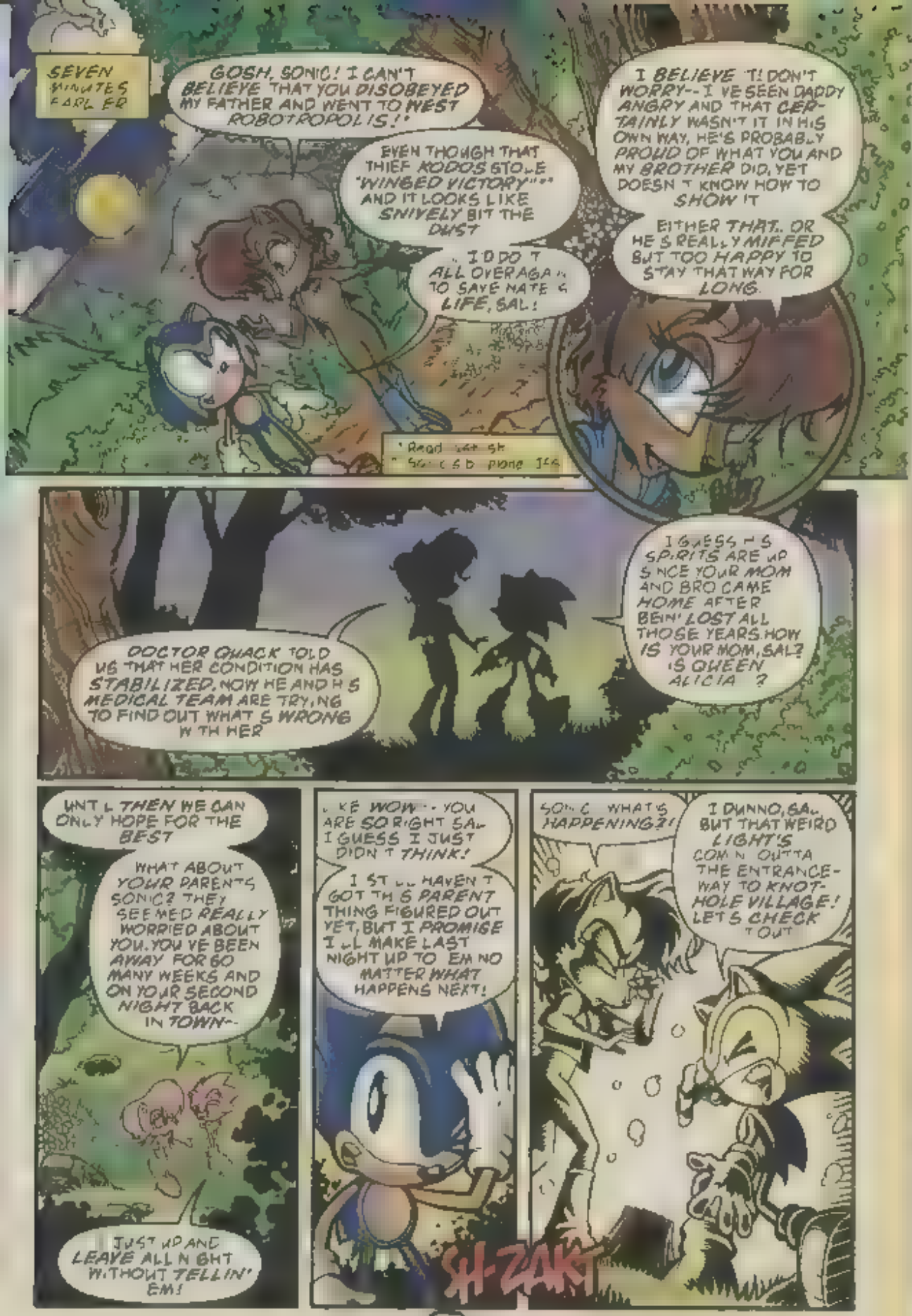
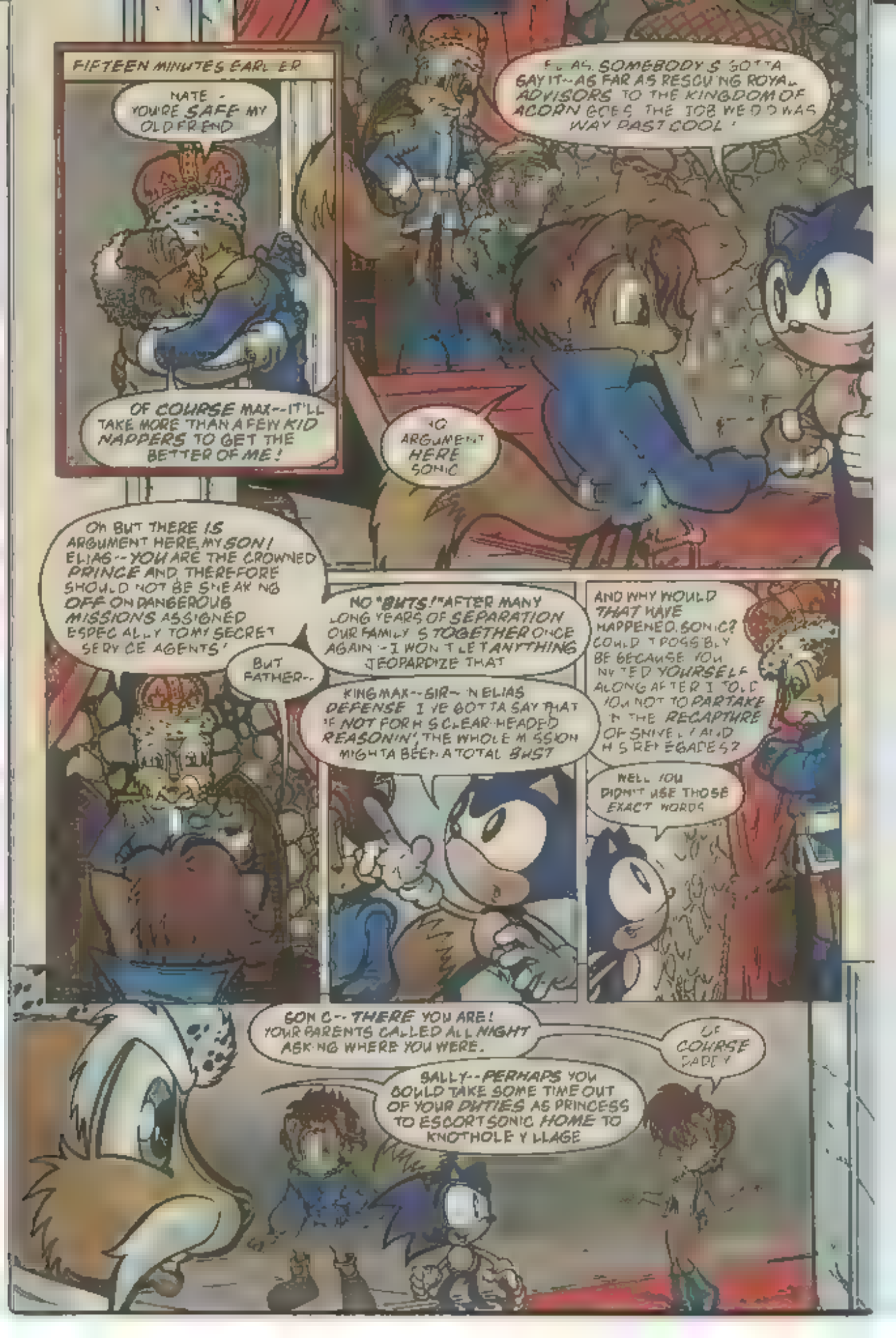
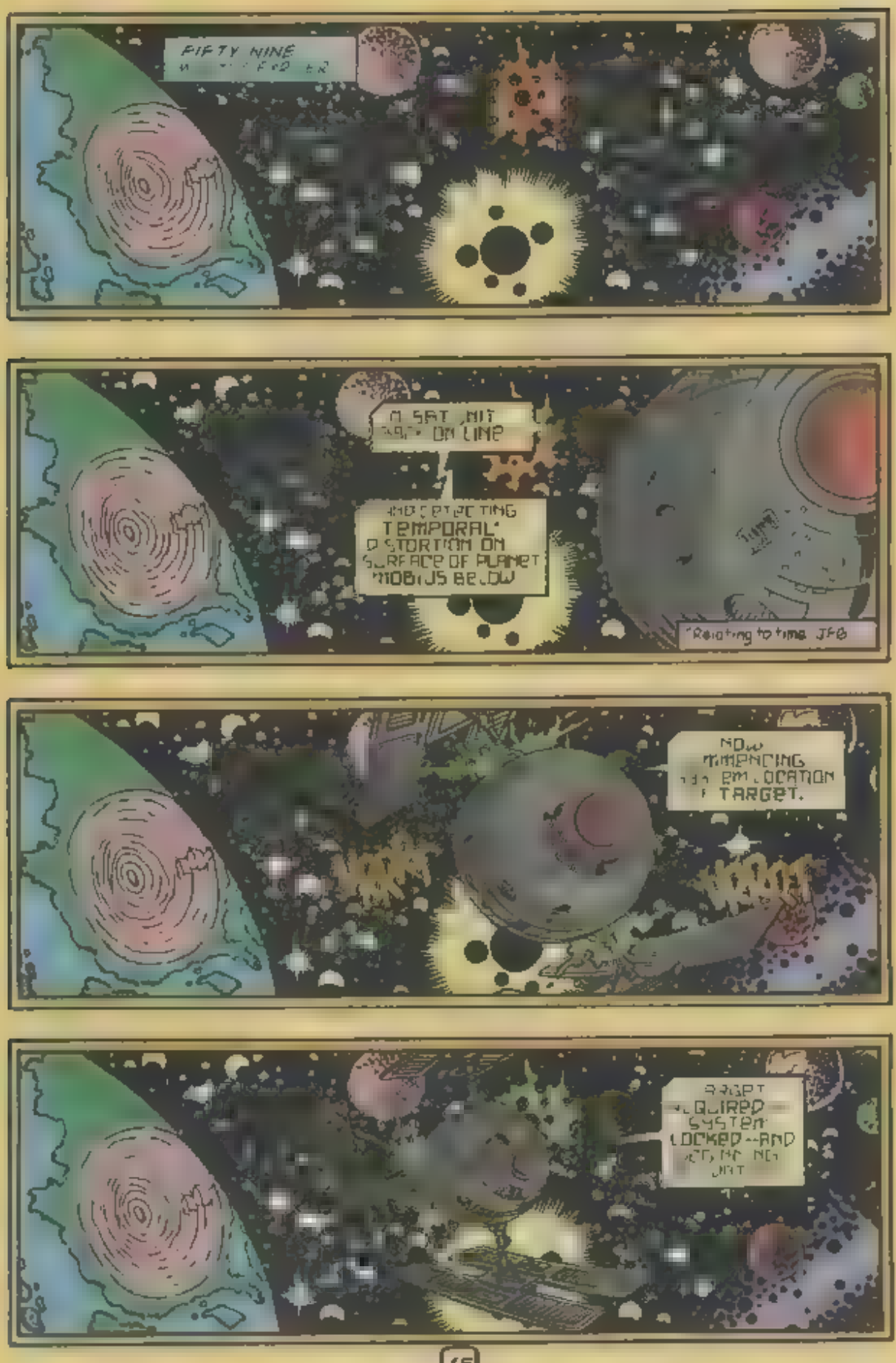

SEVEN MINUTES EARLIER
GOSH, SONIC! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU DISOBEYED MY FATHER AND WENT TO WEST ROBOTROPOLIS!
EVEN THOUGH THAT THIEF KODOS STOLE "WINGED VICTORY"... AND IT LOOKS LIKE SNIVELY BIT THE DUST
I DO T ALL OVER AGA N TO SAVE NATE S LIFE, SAL!
I BELIEVE T! DON'T WORRY-- I VE SEEN DADDY ANGRY AND THAT CERTAINLY WASN'T IT IN HIS OWN WAY, HE'S PROBABLY PROUD OF WHAT YOU AND MY BROTHER DID, YET DOESN T KNOW HOW TO SHOW IT
EITHER THAT.. OR HE S REALLY MIFFED BUT TOO HAPPY TO STAY THAT WAY FOR LONG.
DOCTOR QUACK TOLD US THAT HER CONDITION HAS STABILIZED. NOW HE AND H S MEDICAL TEAM ARE TRY NG TO FIND OUT WHAT S WRONG W TH HER
I GUESS H S SPIRITS ARE UP S NCE YOUR MOM AND BRO CAME HOME AFTER BEIN' LOST ALL THOSE YEARS. HOW IS YOUR MOM, SAL? IS QUEEN ALICIA ?
UNT L THEN WE CAN ONLY HOPE FOR THE BEST
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS SONIC? THEY SEEMED REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU. YOU VE BEEN AWAY FOR SO MANY WEEKS AND ON YOUR SECOND NIGHT BACK IN TOWN--
JUST UP AND LEAVE ALL N GHT W THOUT TELLIN' EM!
LIKE WOW -- YOU ARE SO RIGHT SAL. I GUESS I JUST DIDN T THINK!
I ST LL HAVEN T GOT TH S PARENT THING FIGURED OUT YET, BUT I PROMISE I LL MAKE LAST NIGHT UP TO EM NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!
SONIC WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
I DUNNO, SAL, BUT THAT WEIRD LIGHT'S COM N OUTTA THE ENTRANCE-WAY TO KNOT-HOLE VILLAGE! LET S CHECK T OUT
SH-ZAK!


FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER
NATE - YOU'RE SAFE MY OLD FRIEND
OF COURSE MAX--IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A FEW KID NAPPERS TO GET THE BETTER OF ME!
FINALLY. SOMEBODY'S GOTTA SAY IT--AS FAR AS RESCUING ROYAL ADVISORS TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN GOES THE JOB WE'D DONE WAS WAY PAST COOL!
NO ARGUMENT HERE SONIC
OH BUT THERE IS ARGUMENT HERE, MY SON! ELIAS--YOU ARE THE CROWNED PRINCE AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE SNEAKING OFF ON DANGEROUS MISSIONS ASSIGNED ESPECIALLY TO MY SECRET SERVICE AGENTS!
BUT FATHER--
NO "BUTS!" AFTER MANY LONG YEARS OF SEPARATION OUR FAMILY'S TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN - I WON'T LET ANYTHING JEOPARDIZE THAT
KING MAX--SIR~ NELIAS DEFENSE I'VE GOTTA SAY THAT IF NOT FOR HIS CLEAR-HEADED REASONIN', THE WHOLE MISSION MIGHTA BEEN A TOTAL BUST
AND WHY WOULD THAT HAVE HAPPENED, SONIC? COULD IT POSSIBLY BE BECAUSE YOU INVITED YOURSELF ALONG AFTER I TOLD YOU NOT TO PARTAKE IN THE RECAPTURE OF SNIVELY AND HIS RENEGADES?
WELL YOU DIDN'T USE THOSE EXACT WORDS
SONIC--THERE YOU ARE! YOUR PARENTS CALLED ALL NIGHT ASKING WHERE YOU WERE.
OF COURSE DADDY
SALLY--PERHAPS YOU COULD TAKE SOME TIME OUT OF YOUR DUTIES AS PRINCESS TO ESCORT SONIC HOME TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE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A SAT UNIT
ON LINE
DETECTING
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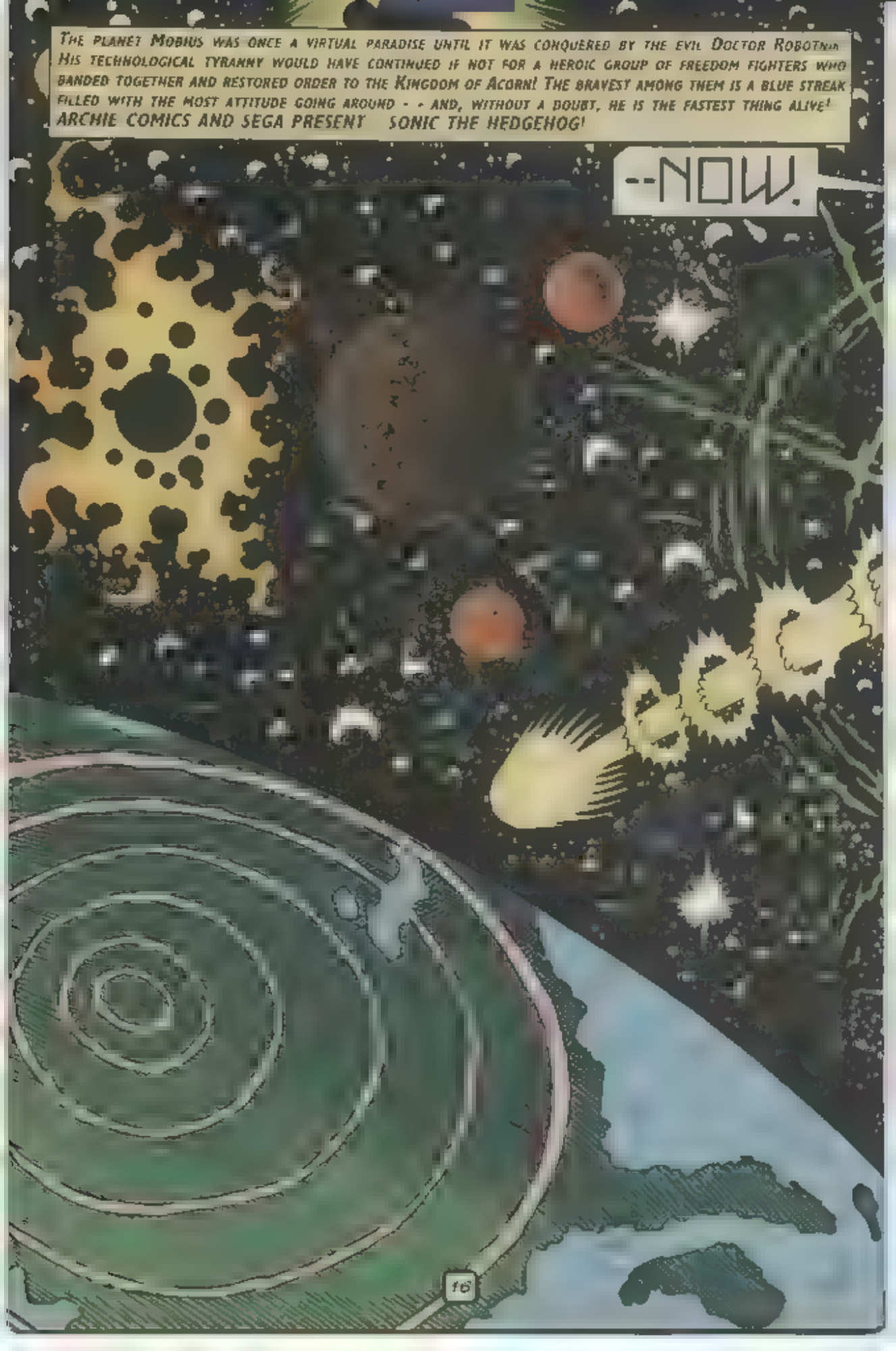
THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
--NOW.
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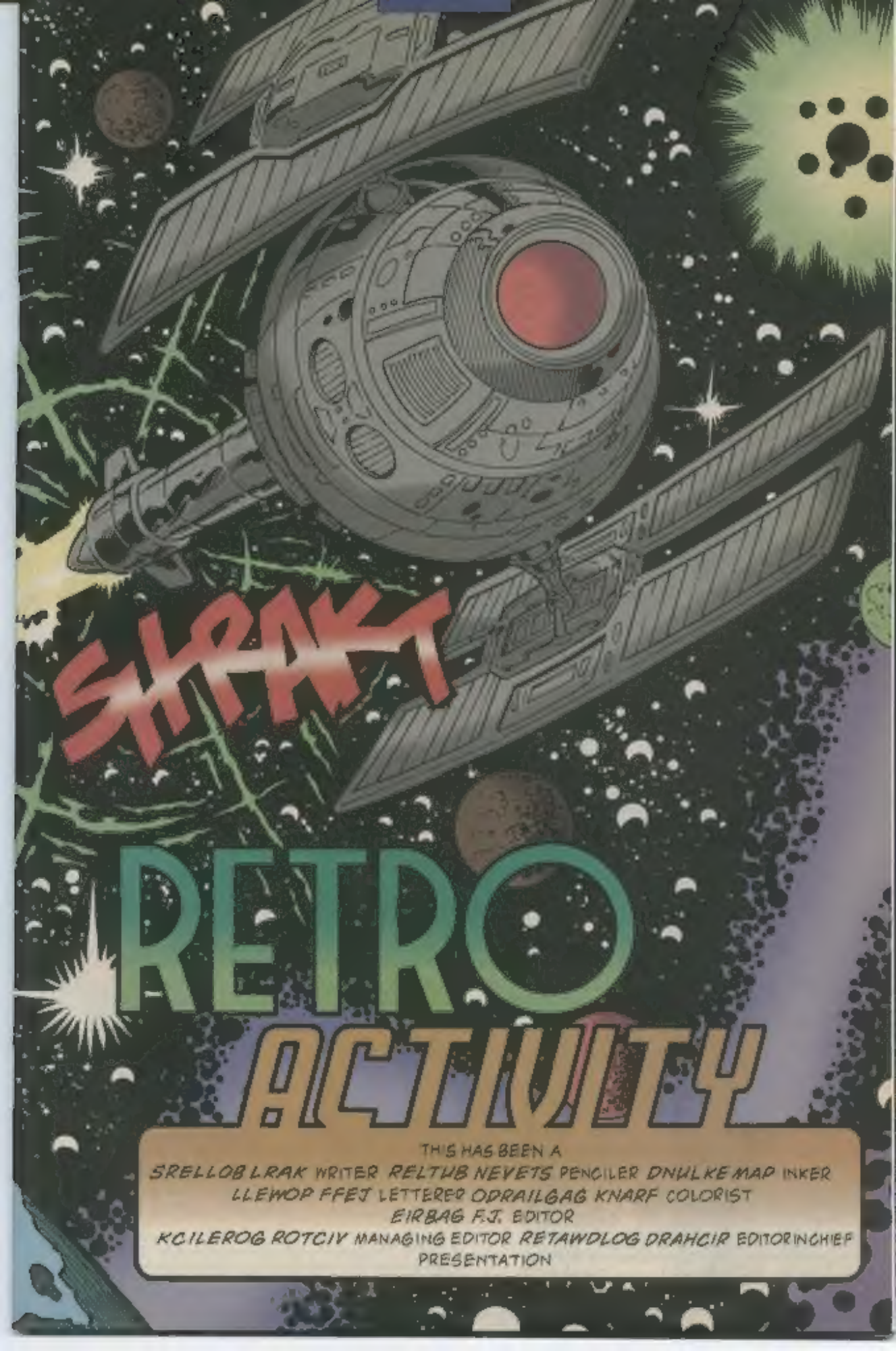

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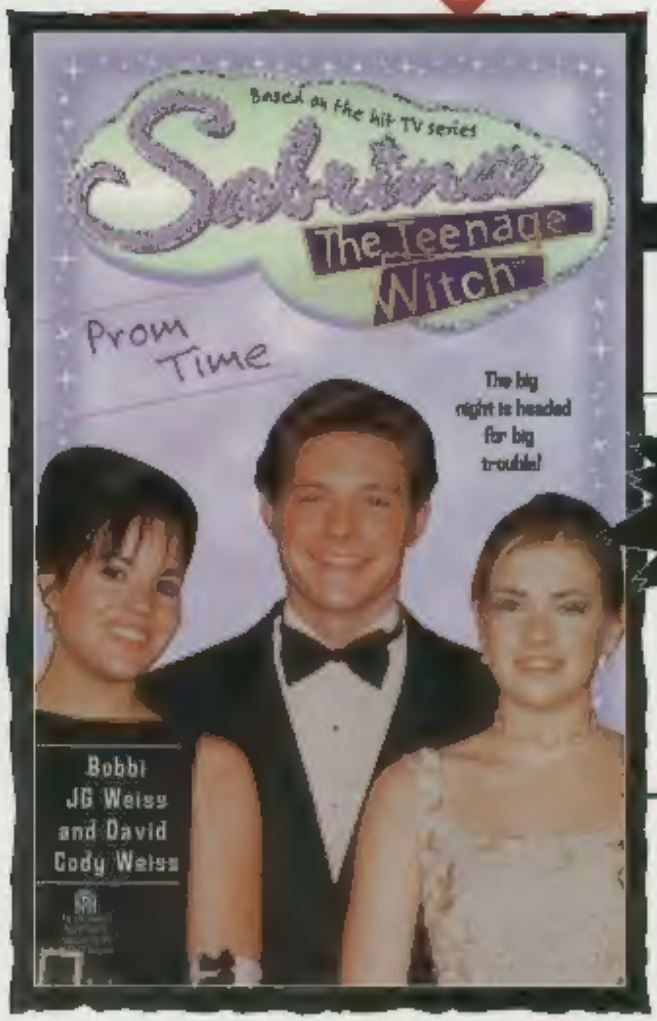

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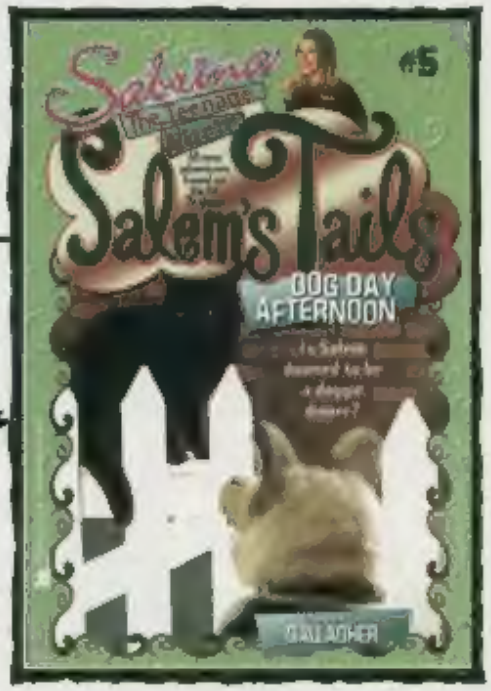

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